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Colder Tuesday

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

No Compromise

The conference in Washington by the Federal Trade Commission last week with manufacturers and publishers on the news-print situation, was not finished and will be continued this week. The manufacturers who arbitrarily increased the price of paper 200 per cent, frightened by the prospect of indictments under the anti-trust law, have offered to let the Trade Commission fix a maximum price for six months from March 1, hoping thereby to stop prosecutions. Nearly 50 per cent of the manufacturers have signed this proposal. Saturday the publishers' organization protested against temporary adjustment for six months only but are demanding permanent relief. This they say can best be secured by continuing the prosecutions and punishing those guilty of the crime of extorting \$30,000,000 from the publishers in the last ten months. The Federal Trade Commission appears to favor the compromise agreement, though it does not promise immunity to those who have violated the law. The real remedy though lies with the Department of Justice, and newspaper men can afford to wait awhile if the trust leaders can be sent to prison and free competition restored in the paper market. Until this result can be attained, the publishing business will be at the mercy of a gang of robbers and necessarily upon a very uncertain basis.

All Holland is stirred up over the torpedoing of seven Dutch steamers in a flotilla near Falmouth. Four were sunk and three reached port. Holland says German consent was given to sail and Germany says it was with the risk of being attacked by submarines not communicated with.

Maj. Gen. J. J. Pershing has assumed command of the army on the border. A religious service was held the first day, it being a memorial service for his predecessor, Gen. Funston, who objected to a revival meeting being held among his soldiers last year.

With food riots keeping the New York police busy, many carloads of Irish potatoes—the poor man's staple—are lined up awaiting export, with a prospect of never reaching their destination.

"Clarksville's Claims Command Consideration," was selected as the slogan of our Tennessee neighbor. With that alliteration she ought to be able to C's an opportunity.

The Cunard liner Laconia, which sailed from New York Feb. 18, with 27 Americans on board, was sunk yesterday off Queenstown. There were 270 survivors.

Hogs sold Saturday for \$12.85, at Louisville, making another high record. The top price was \$12.90 at Kansas City and \$12.95 at Chicago.

Germany has notified Brazil that she will not abandon her blockade, but will refer Brazilian losses to diplomatic negotiations.

Oliver S. Townsend, city editor of the Henderson Gleaner, has gone to Madisonville to take charge of the Madisonville Messenger.

The American preacher who lost his life when the Athos was sunk, was riding on a troop ship of a belligerent nation.

The Third Regiment is scheduled to start home March 2, but may be unable to get cars at that time.

The filibuster in the Senate has ended in an agreement to vote on the revenue bill tomorrow.

Louisville Democrats are practically united on Sheriff Chas. J. Cronan for mayor.

The British have captured the Turkish stronghold, Kut-el-Amara.

Potatoes retailed at 3¢ each in Chicago last week.

WIDE POWER
FOR WILSONFall Introduces Resolution
Authorizing Use of
Armed Forces.

SURPRISE TO DEMOCRATS

Bill Would Give Complete
Authority to Protect Lives
and Property.

Washington, Feb. 26.—A resolution authorizing the President to use armed forces of the United States to protect commerce, property and lives of the citizens of the United States was introduced Saturday in the Senate by Senator Fall, Republican.

Senator Fall's resolution was offered by unanimous consent after a bitter two-hour debate on the international situation, in which Republicans disclaimed any desire to withhold support from the President in handling the situation.

Senator Fall asked that the bill go to the Foreign Relations Committee, and Chairman Stone consented after he had objected to the way in which the measure had been introduced.

POINTS TO DEPREDACTIONS.

"I greatly regret that such a bill as this has been introduced at this time," said Senator Stone. "Nevertheless I see no way of disposing of it except by letting it go to the committee."

The bill would give the President wide authority to protect lives and property of Americans or to authorize American merchant ships to protect themselves against searchers and seizures or capture.

Senator Fall's resolution points to the depredations on the commerce of the United States by submarines of the Central Powers, and authorizes the President to "inspect and direct the commanders of the armed vessels belonging to the United States" to protect American ships and property and "to take, seize, or bring into port or destroy," if unable to seize, any armed vessels of either of the Central Powers, and particularly of the Imperial German Government which have committed or are threatening to commit depredations against ships conveying Americans or American property.

It would make it legal also for the commander and crew of any merchant American vessel to "oppose and defend against any search, restraint, seizure or attack, which shall be attempted on such vessel" by any armed ship of the Central Powers and to "repel by force any assault or hostility" so committed and to "subdue and capture or destroy" such vessel.

CALL FOR MEN PROVIDED.

On the army side the President would be authorized "in the event of a declaration of war against the United States or of invasion or of imminent danger of invasion" "discovered in his opinion to exist" before the next session of Congress to call into service in addition to regular army and the National Guard 500,000 men to serve not more than three years or during the continuance of the "existing differences" with the Central Powers. The President also would be given authority to accept volunteers and to organize the 500,000 men called into the proper service branches and to officer them when the Senate is not in session by his commission alone.

The resolution says that when Germany and her allies "shall disavow" and cause their commanders "to refrain from the lawless depredations and outrages hitherto encouraged and authorized" and shall cause "the laws of nations to be observed," then the commanders of merchant ships may be directed "to submit to any regular search" by Central Power war vessels and to refrain from "any force or capture."

The act would continue in force for six months "and until the end of the next session of Congress thereafter."

JOHN J. IS
PRESIDENTNew Officers Chosen For
The Pennyroyal Fair
Company.

FAIR BEGINS AUGUST 28

And Will Continue Five Days
Until September the
First.

JOHN J. METCALFE.

The directors of the Pennyroyal Fair met yesterday and elected officers and fixed the dates for the next fair. John J. Metcalfe was elected president, Holland Garnett, vice president, Lee Ellis, treasurer, and John W. Richards, secretary.

The fair will begin Aug. 28 and continue five days until Sept. 1.

SLIDE WRECK
MINING CAMPBig Avalanche Demolishes 3
Buildings and Crushes
Sleeping Miners.

NINE BODIES RECOVERED

Six Other Workmen Missing
and Probably Dead—
Fifteen Injured.

Boise, Ida., Feb. 26.—An avalanche swept down on the buildings of the North Star mine, twelve miles northwest of Hailey, Idaho, early Sunday, demolishing the compressor house, warehouse and bunkhouse, smothering and crushing the men in the snow and debris.

The bodies of nine miners had been recovered Saturday night; six were missing and probably dead, and fifteen were injured, some seriously.

Among the injured is Thomas Jay, mine superintendent.

MILLION DOLLAR
FIRE DAMAGEBlaze at Louisville Destroyed
Grain Elevators and 75
Freight Cars.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 25.—Damages aggregating more than \$1,000,000 was caused by a fire which tonight destroyed the elevators here of the Kentucky Public Elevator Company and which destroyed or damaged seventy-five freight cars standing on storage tracks belonging to the Illinois Central railroad.

Approximately 500,000 bushels of wheat, rye and oats stored in the elevator were destroyed.

Of the railroad cars destroyed, a few were empty while the remainder were loaded with merchandise and lumber.

Admiral Dewey left an estate of \$255,000.

GRAND JURY
NOW READYAnd Circuit Court Will Get
Down to Business
Today.

PETIT JURORS FIGHT SHY

As The Busy Season For
Farm Work Is
Coming on.

Circuit Court met yesterday morning for the spring term of six weeks with Judge C. H. Bush on the bench.

Considerable difficulty was met with in making up the juries. The grand jury was empaneled in the forenoon and the court gave the usual charge, devoting much attention to the question of being improperly influenced. He impressed the jurors with the importance of reporting to him any attempts made to influence them on matters before them. He told them to notify him if any one approached them on any question submitted to them.

The jury is as follows:

C. H. Cayce, foreman; Ben Weaver, J. P. Moss, J. T. Steger, J. F. Denny, J. H. Murphy, Jno. T. East, C. W. Lyle, Geo. Bryant, J. D. Torian, W. B. Belote, W. L. Buie.

Only 16 of the 36 petit jurors summoned responded and were empaneled and it was necessary to draw out 18 more names to complete the panel of 24.

These were summoned as fast as found for the afternoon session. The court will get down to business today, with commonwealth cases coming first, one case being that of Canada Young charged with wilful murder.

ALLEGED
PREACHERCharged With Attacking A
Little Girl is Sent to Mad-
isonville Jail.

CLAXTON DENIES GUILT

But Rescuers Attracted By
The Child's Screams Turn
Him Over to Police.

J. A. Claxton, of Cedar Hill, Tenn., was arrested Friday night on a charge of attempting to assault Estell Owen, an 8-year-old child. The little girl, a daughter of James Owen, a railroad employe, says that during the absence of her mother, Claxton, who is said to be a preacher and prohibition worker, persuaded her to accompany him some distance from home to a point on the river bank. Her screams were heard by W. L. Carroll and John Jones. They went to the rescue and turned Claxton over to the police. Claxton insists that he was playing with the child, and intended no harm. The girl's father said Claxton was an acquaintance of the family and they had known him when residing in Springfield, Tenn.

When Claxton was taken in charge by the two men, officer Anderson went to the scene near the railroad bridge and brought him to the lockup. Night Lieut. Hawkins took him to Madisonville.

The Owens moved here from Springfield, last fall. The little girl's story is that Claxton caught her by the hand and made her go with him several hundred yards to the river bank and at a secluded point he forced her down on the ground, when her screams led to her rescue before any harm was done her.

Wm. White, Lyon county's oldest man, died last week, aged 94.

HOPKINSVILLE'S
OLDEST MANFalls Asleep In the Ninety-
fifth Year of His
Age.

E. L. FOULKS DIED SUNDAY

Funeral Services The Last to
Be Held In the Old Meth-
odist Church.

E. L. FOULKS.

Hopkinsville's oldest man, the venerable Mr. E. L. Foulks, who had been confined to his bed since last November, passed peacefully away at 7 o'clock Sunday morning, aged 94 years, one month and 13 days.

He was the oldest member of the Methodist church and his death occurred on the last Sunday that services were held in the old church, of which he had been a member for more than 50 years. His funeral services yesterday afternoon were probably the last services to be held in the building, as the new church will be occupied next Sunday.

Ezra Lewis Foulks was born Jan. 12, 1823, at Belleville, Ill., and came to Logan county prior to 1850 and later to Salubria, near Pembroke, where he operated a small photograph gallery, taking deguerreotype pictures, for eight years. He came to Hopkinsville in 1858 and ran a photograph gallery here during the civil war period. He took many pictures of noted men on both sides, keeping pace with the improvements in photography. When the courthouse was burned in 1864 by Gen. H. B. Lyon, Mr. Foulks took a picture of the ruins that is still in existence. Hundreds of pictures taken by him, of that period, are still treasured in albums all over the county.

When the first railroad reached Hopkinsville, Mr. Foulks changed his business and became a coal dealer, opening an office in 1869. He continued the business uninterruptedly as long as he lived. It is still conducted by his grandson, S. L. Peace. For many years he filled the office of deputy sheriff, the only office he ever held.

He was a lifelong member of the Methodist church, always a leader in its affairs.

The funeral services were conducted by Dr. Lewis Powell, assisted by Rev. Virgil Elgin, and the interment was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Foulks is survived by a son, Ernest Foulks, of Arizona, and a daughter, Mrs. W. H. Peace, with whom he lived.

At the end of a long and well spent life, he was laid to rest. He will live in the hearts of many friends and in the memory of all the people of Hopkinsville as one of the city's best men, a Christian who practiced Christianity in his daily life and merited the confidence and respect of all who knew him.

Weather for the Week.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday, announced by the weather Bureau follow:

Ohio Valley.—Probably fair, except rain is probable Monday and Tuesday and again about Friday. Moderate temperature followed by considerably colder about Wednesday and warmer latter part of the week.

BRITISH ENTER
GERMAN LINESTrenches on 500 Yard Front
Are Occupied East of
Vierstraat, Belgium.

PREPARING FOR BIG PUSH

Germans Got Three More
Steamers Sunday In U-Boat
Campaign.

The British troops in the Acre region of France are reported by the London war office to have taken additional ground from the Germans, including the village of Serre and several important points further east. In these operations, although they were carried on over a wide front, only small bodies of troops were engaged and only slight opposition was met, but they are indicative of the plan of the British to continue their steady gaining in preparation for the more extensive movement in the spring.

Another raid was carried out by the British east of Vierstraat, Belgium. Here on a front of 500 yards the British entered German trenches, inflicted casualties on the occupants, destroyed dugouts and other works and took 55 prisoners.

The Germans near Ypres invaded British trenches under cover of a heavy bombardment, but later were ejected. Bombardments continue on the remainder of the front held by the French.

Isolated battles have taken place on the eastern front from northwestern Russia to the Carpathians, but neither of the belligerents have gained any advantage.

In the Austro-Italian theater the Austrians essayed infantry attacks at several points but everywhere were repulsed, according to Rome. Artillery duels continue along this front.

A belated British communication dealing with the fighting along the Tigris river, shows that in addition to having occupied Turkish trenches over a front of nearly 2000 yards in the Sannaiyat region last week, the British troops were also able to cross to the left bank of the Tigris, west of Kut-el-Amara.

German submarines sank three small British steamers Sunday.

BASKET BALL
TOURNAMENTLocal High School Will Go
After Big Game In
Danville.

With the basketball teams of scores of the leading high schools of Kentucky closely bunched in the annual scramble for supremacy, the Big Inter-scholastic tournament to be held next Friday and Saturday at Danville under the auspices of Center College looms up in enhanced importance, as the tournament games will be the only medium through which the State title can be definitely decided.

Lexington, Owensboro and Hopkinsville will be the leading contenders, no doubt, for the championship in the series at "Old Centre." Lexington has not been defeated this year, and has taken the Louisville high school squad into camp twice. Hopkinsville, while no other "Big Eight" teams have been met, has shown excellent form, winning all of its schedule. The Orange and Black is certain to give both Lexington and Owensboro lots of trouble.

The tournament will begin Friday afternoon with two games, followed by two more in the evening. The winners of these matches will pair up for the semi-final clashes Saturday afternoon, while the two survivors will meet for the championship Saturday night. A consolation series for the losing teams will be conducted Saturday morning.